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Invention: INSTRUMENTATION AND METHODS FOR USE IN IMPLANTING A CERVICAL DISC REPLACEMENT DEVICE

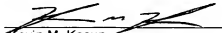
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In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-13, 20, and 21, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: